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### **Upper Kula water change due to drought conditions**

Effective today, the Department of Water Supply will reduce the production at the Olinda Water Treatment Facility (WTF) due to the near-empty conditions of the Upper Kula reservoirs. The 30 million gallon (MG) Waikamoi Reservoir is empty and the 100 MG Kahakapao Reservoir is at 25.9 MG. The Kamole WTF in Haliimaile, the Piiholo WTF in Makawao, and the Po'okela Well in Makawao will provide water for customers in Upper Kula.

The Olinda facility will only produce enough water to provide for customers in the Olinda area. Normal production is approximately 1.3 MGD. Production will be reduced to approximately 0.1 MGD (100,000 gallons per day).

By the end of the week, Upper Kula customers may notice a change in water quality because the water coming from the lower elevations is disinfected with chlorine. The Olinda facility utilizes chloramines for disinfection, which does not have a chlorine smell. Olinda residents will continue to receive water disinfected with chloramines. The water meets all federal and state water quality standards.

In addition, the Department would like to remind all Upcountry businesses and residents that water levels in the reservoirs are low and customers should use less water to extend the supply through the summer. "We are still asking customers to reduce water usage by 5%. Daily average usage throughout the year is 7.5 MGD; however, demand for the past two weeks has been 9.2 MGD. This is really high," said Director of Water Supply Jeffrey Eng. Current water levels are available at [www.mauewater.org](http://www.mauewater.org).

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